

Fox refuses to pay \$60 million in settlements - New York Business Journal

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When [Fox News](#) was with slammed sexual harassment scandals, the News Corp.-owned company [shelled out \\$65 million in settlements](#).

That includes the claims made against the network's former prime time star Bill O'Reilly as well as its late CEO and founder [Roger Ailes](#).

Reports now suggest that the [Rupert Murdoch](#)-run conglomerate is through being strong armed.

[The New York Times reported](#) late Tuesday that [Fox](#) (NASDAQ: FOX) refused the resolution put forth by [Douglas Wigdor](#), an attorney representing more than 20 current and former Fox employees.

Wigdor wants some \$60 million to settle the disputes, which include the defamation lawsuit [that figures into the network's coverage of the murder of DNC staffer Seth Rich](#), as well as gender and racial discrimination allegations.

Wigdor came to that number by citing how 21st Century [Fox](#) paid \$40 million to Ailes upon his departure and \$25 million to O'Reilly.

"Outside the context of the mediation, any amount under what Ailes and O'Reilly got in total would be unjust," he said.

Wigdor intended to distribute the sum he requested among his clients, which the Times noted is rare considering the disparate nature of the cases and their volume.

Wigdor also attempted to interfere with 21st Century [Fox's](#) \$15 billion purchase of Sky by sending a letter to the British authority in charge of reviewing the bid, [outlining the company's indiscretions](#).